

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 18, 2005. Claims 1, 2, and 4-65 are presented for examination. Claim 3 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1, 4-7, 10, 11, 18, 19, 34, and 35 have been amended as discussed below. Claim 1 is in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The specification has been amended as to matters of form, as requested by the Examiner at paragraph 1 of the Office Action. No new matter has been added.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that Claims 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, and 65 would be allowable if rewritten so as not to depend from a rejected claim, and with no change in scope.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of Claim 3, which depended from Claim 1 before being cancelled herein. The claims originally depending from Claim 3 have been amended to depend from Claim 1. In addition, the claims originally depending from Claims 1 or 2 have been amended to depend only from Claim 1 to reduce the number of claims.

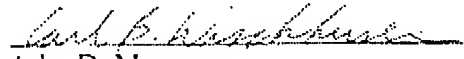
Accordingly, Claim 1 is believed to be allowable. The other claims in this application are each dependent from Claim 1 and are therefore also believed to be allowable.

A Claim To Priority and a certified copy of the priority document for this application were filed on December 10, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests acknowledgment of the claim for foreign priority and the receipt of the certified copy.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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